IT IS A WEAK AND MEDIOCRE PLAY, WITH PLUSH IDEALS.

And the Whole of It Very Absurd—But It Contains Good Lines, It May Be Called "Clean" Also "Wholesome" and R. H. Davis Has Made It-Probably It Will Pay

It was a night last night to test the souls of men and critical Mark Tapleys. And what went ye forth to seek? "The Taming of Helen," known to her set as Helen Pabot and presented for the first time to New York theatregoers at the Savoy. Mr. Richard Harding Davis is theauthor, and the play is said to be his first real dramatic effort—the others, "Soldiers of Fortune," and "The Littlest Girl" having been adap-

With such literary capital as his name Mr. Davis enters the field far from being handicapped—except by lack of dramatic experience. He then may be Mr. Clyde Fitch's only serious rival some day; both are known from the Golden Gate to Galveston; each, in his respective way prepares the sort of entertainment the public

But Mr. Davis has many leagues of untravelled territory-technical territory-to traverse before he overtakes the nimble Fitch and his dramatic racing machine. The story-writer is a man of pleasing talent, who mixes in nice proportions ingredients toothsome and appealing to the young woman and her escort. With the generous cooperation of Mr. C. D. Gibson Mr. Davis has, among other accomplishments, actually pinned down a type in his pages. Need we add that when all his other tales go into the inevitable limbo, the inmitable Van Bibber will not be forced by fate to accompany his papery colleagues?
"The Taming of Helen" encloses a com-

monplace, yet eternally new story. It deals with the love and misunderstandings of a young woman and a young man. In sons to come this theme will be quite as fresh as it was when the male of the Stone Age pursued as his lawful prey the female of his species—and as it is to-day. Philip Carroll—mark the Celt!—has a girl and

One is in London; the former he carries One is in London; the former he carries there to have it produced. The young people, strong as they are in their affections, encounter conventional temptations. Philip is much in company with a fascinating actress, Marion Casendiah, Helen is sought after by the Marquis of Woodcote—an idyllic name for a rake. Being impetuous, credulous and youthful they delight in torturing each other.

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Helen, jealous, tells Philip, foolish, that she has betrothed herself to the Marquis. Naturally, the interest the young playwright takes in the actress is set down to her absorbing desire to be the heroine of his comedy. After the piece is successfully produced Helen is tamed and her fears proved causeless—for, though her eyes are not as green as Jinny's, she is jealous, and she is stubborn as Geraldine.

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"The Taming of a Play" would have been a better title. Almost every episode—and there are many and scrappy—revolves about the rejection or acceptance of Philip's manuscript firstling. And the atmosphere is an attempt to catch the delightful "shop" talk and action we enjoyed in "Trelawney of the Wells." There is—yes, we must admit it—a green-room scene. It is both green and roomy.

It had to be: Mr. Davis's admirers would never have forgiven him without a peep at high life behind the scenes. Act I. shows feded lodgings in the Inner Temple: Philip lays down the law to Helen. She very properly leaves him after a singularly boastful caddish speech.

Act II—Is it hell or Harlem? This is difficult to answer. We are told that it is a ball at Gower House. Perhaps. Various members of the British aristocracy are brought down a steep staircase to be promptly insulted by the American.

With a few strokes of his pen, with an irony exquisite, poignant, Mr. Davis pays back old scores of Mrs. Trollope, Charles Dickens and Rudyard Kipling in their treatment of America. It made a sensation last night, though it may keep the play out of London!

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treatment of America. It made a sensation last night, though it may keep the play out of London!

Oh, yes: Helen sees Philip with his arms about Marion. They are rehearsing. Being an idiot, Helen doesn't realize this, and the curtain falls on emotional chaos, symbolized by the wild laughter of Mr. Miller. He discovers his fatuousness. Act III. is the green room aforesaid.

By a theatrical device cut out of the whole cloth suspense is sustained to the close and then Jack gets his Jill. It is all incredibly absurd. The author should turn it into a story. Even "Soldiers of Fortune" is better than this amateurish, make-believe comedy. The players are too good for the play. Mr. Henry Miller would have done lots of clever things if he had had the chance. We have always enjoyed his comedy since the days when "Gudgeons" proved how much better be could do than as the lugubrious heroes of "John A' Dreams" and "Michael and His Lost Angel."

He is the Englishman always; his American did not seem real; but what he did he did extremely well. The pipes of pathos were played upon gently, quite gently, and in the gayer passages this favorite actor was boyish and unaffected.

He was very nervous. Miss Jessie Millward and Mr. Morton Selten made the fun of the evening. She was the actress Marion, he her adorer. Miss Millward wears a man's costume in the last scene. We have seen her before in such a part, but in leggings only. Here she pretends bashfulness. There is no necessity.

Percy Lyndal had to be a "bounder" Marquis. Really it is a trifle rough on the reerage. Miss Drina de Wolfe as the notorious Mrs. Ecian made a distinct hit; we are almost tempted to say the one hit of the evening. She was picturesque and shaded the rôle with commendable restraint.

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It could be vulgar. Dodger, the callboy (Francis Sedgwick), was funny. There was the actor-manager capitally impersonated by John Flood, and a stage doorkeeper with one arm, a history and an invisible wife was Frederick Daniels. The general performance was excellent; the piece has been a month or so "on the road."

Its ideats are plush—be nice and you will be rewarded; that is nice to the right people! Mr. Miller made a little speech and Mr. Davis—much against his will—came in and thanked his audience and his company.

There was undoubted enthusiasm throughout, the clever lines, many of them endeared by custom, causing laughter. We should not be surprised if—thanks to clever acting.
"The Taming of Helen" afforded diversion

to large audiences for some time to come. It is "clean," it is "wholesome," the two verbal watchdogs of mediocrity. Besides, it is made by Richard Harding Davis.

NEW AND OLD THEATRE BILLS. No Sign of Diminishing Prosperity to Be Seen in New York's Playland.

The return of Charles Hawtrey in his successful comedy, "A Message from Mars," was an event of importance last night at the Criterion Theatre. Mr. Hawtrey will give only a limited number of performances before returning to England. "The Jewel of Asia" has been transferred from the Criterion stage to Daly's for a continuation of its prosperous run. The morality play "Everyman" is at the Garden. It is the best Lenten diversion in town.

The Majestic Theatre is crowded at every rformance and the "Wizard of Oz" could fill a house twice as large. "The Prince of Pilsen" is in its third big week at the Broadway. "The Suburban" at the Academy of Music has the best horserace ever put on the stage. Manager William Brady is being told that his wife, Grace George, has made the hit of her career in "Pretty Peggy" at the Herald Square.
"The Earl of Pawtucket" is duplicating

"THE TAMING OF HELEN" SEEN the success at the sanhattan it enjoyed at the Madison Square. At the latter theatre Elsie De Wolfe is doing well in

"Cynthia."

After a most remarkable run the last
Weeks of "A Chinese Honeymoon" at the
Casino are announced. "The Sultan of
Sulu" will run through the summer at

Sulu" will run through the summer at Wallack's.

Amelia Bingham has an interesting and lively play in "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson" at the Princess. Her season closes on April 18. The Harlem Opera House this week has "The Billionaire" with Jerome Sykes in the title role. "Nancy Brown" has caught on at the Bijou and its songs are being hummed on the streets. Annie Russell is in her third month at the Garrick in "Mice and Men." "The Unforescen" has been playing for the same length of time at the Empire. "Mr. Blue Beard" remains at the Knickerbocker. Mrs. Osborn's Playhquse is not large enough to hold the many people who want to see "The Bishop's Move." now in its last week there. Next week all the Hackett companies will take the road.

The seating capacity of the Belasco is still sold out for every performance of "The Darling of the Gods." The Victoria has a powerful and interesting drams in "Resurrection." Weber & Flelds's season ends in two weeks. Williams & Walker leave the New York this week.

Clyde Fitch's "Lovers Lane" is the offering this week at the Murray Hill. The West End has the "Bonnie Brier Bush" with J. H. Stoddart in the leading rôle. "The Sign of the Cross" is at the Star. the Liliputians at the Fourteenth Street, "My Partner" at the American, "The Mocking Bird" at the Grand Opera House, "Sis Hopkuns" at the Merrican, "The Mocking Bird" at the Grand Opera House, "Sis Hopkuns" at the Metropolis, and "A Gambler's Daughter" at the Third Avenue.

"The Sweet Girl" fills the Irving Place Theatre.

Proctor's Fifty-eighth Street Theatre is

The sweet Girl his the Irving Flace Theatre. Theatre is Prootor's Fifty-eighth Street Theatre is now a combination house and the attractions there are first class. "Fiddle-Dee-Dee" is the offering this week. Proctor's Twenty-third Street Theatre and the 125th street theatre are drawing his crowds this week. third Street Theatre and the 125th street house are drawing big crowds this week, for John L. Sullivan is the top liner at the former and Florence Burns at the latter house. The Fifth Avenue has a good play in "Innocent as a Lamb." Effic Fay leads the bill at the Circle. James J. Corbett is at Hurtig & Seamon's.

Tony Pastor has a good show at his theatre. There is an all-star bill at Keith's. The Eden Musée is the Mecca for many visitors from out of town. Huber's Museum has a well-trained troupe of lions, leopards and panthers under the direction of Mme. Vallecita.

Mr. Frehman Gets New Plays.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, March 30.—Charles Frohman
has bought from the executors of Sir Augustus Harris the drama entitled "Cheer. loys, Cheer," and has negotiated with Paul Potter to Americanize it by laying the scenes in the United States, Paris and the Philippines. Messrs. Frohman and Potter bought the American rights of "Le Retour de Jerusalem" and "L'Autre Danger"

News of Plays and Players

The Rialto heard last night that Kyrle Bellew would be knighted by King Edward. The report started in Baltimore where Bellow's press agent was yesterday. Managers Fiske and La Shelle have decided to give part of the proceeds of the performance of the "Earl of Pawtucket" on April 13 to the Thomas Jefferson Me-morial Association. Admiral Dewey is the president of the association and April 13 will be the 160th anniversary of Jefferson's

Fay Tem pleton says she is writing a musical comedy for Aubrey Bouccicault. The actor says he is doing the same for

The actor says he is doing the same for her.

Charles Hawtrey received such an enthusiastic welcome at the end of the second act of "A Message From Mars" at the Criterion last night that he made a speech. He said he would only play a limited engagement here this time and would soon return to London to open the Avenue Theatre under Charles Frohman's management. He will return here in the fall and open at the Criterion in "The Man From Blankleys."

DIME-MAKERS CAUGHT. Silver-Plated Coins of Brass Turned Out

From 80 Allen Street. The Jersey City police have two men New York and neighboring cities with counterfeit dimes. They were arrested yesterday afternoon a block apart within en minutes of each other.

Patrolman Collins heard Mrs. Mary Nickalous, who keeps a candy store at 338 Third street, yell for a cop. She told him that a Hebrew gave her a bad dime for a

that a Hebrew gave her a bad dime for a cent's worth of chewing gum, receiving nine pennies in change. Collins arrested the man after a chase.

The prisoner said he was Oscar Glückmann of 321 East Tenth etreet, Manhattan. He had forty-three counterfeit dimes and 33 in good money. Before Collins landed his prisoner at the stationhouse, acting Patrolman Barry of the First precinct collared another "shover of the queer." He gave Ellen Klowmers, who keeps a stationery store at 273 Newark avenue, a bad dime after getting a penny lead pencil. The man described himself as Herman Jacobs. 33 years old, of 80 Allen street, Manhattan. He had thirty-seven counterfeit dimes, \$45.60 in good money, seventeen lead pencils and a receipt for a brass screwpress which he had purchased in Centre street in February for \$12.

Chief of Police Murphy telephoned to the Secret Service Bureau that it would be a good idea to make a careful inspection of the house at 80 Allen street. The search resulted in the discovery of the press and other paraphernalis for turning out bogus

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Chief Morphy said last night the counter-feit ten-cent pieces are stamped out of sheet brass and covered with a thin plating of silver. The counterfeits are clever, the Chief said, and may be easily passed until the silver begins to wear off Jacobs and Glückmann were held to await the action of the Federal authorities.

ESHER'S FATHER COMING.

Will Take Charge of Body of His Son, Yale Student Who Shot Himself.

E. B. Esher of 234 Winchester avenue, Chicago, father of Bowman Esher, the Yale sophomore who committed suicide by shooting himself at the Manhattan Hotel on Sunday, will arrive here early this morning to take charge of the body. this morning to take charge of the body.

Esher's roommate at Yale, Richard M.
Fairbanks, son of Senator Pairbanks of Indiana, called at Coroner Jackson's office yesterday afternoon to get the letter which Esher had left for him and which consisted of six closely written pages. Mr. Fairbanks said after reading it that it was of a personal nature and he did not care to say what it contained. It was reported that Esher wrote that he was tired of life and had been contemplating suicide for some time.

time.
Fairbanks was accompanied by Stuy-vesant Fish, Jr., of New York, Charles S. Fallows of Chicago, P. V. Davis of Eliza-beth, N. J., and Charles Wright, Jr., of

Detroit.

New Haven, Conn., March 30.—The Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes announced the death of Bowman Esher at this morning's devotional exercises in Battell Chapel. A meeting of Esher's class will be held to-morrow morning, when resolutions on his death will be passed, together with a vote to wear a mourning badge for thirty days.

It was learned to-day that Esher wrote and sent to the dean of the college his resignation from his class on Saturay night. The letter was dated New York.

De Mille-George.

Miss Anna Angela George, the youngest daughter of the late Henry George, and William Churchill de Mille of Pompton, N. J. were married in the George homestead, Shore road and Ninety-ninth street, Fort- Hamilton, last night. The Rev. George A. Latimer of Philadelphia, a cousin of Henry George, performed the ceremony. The bridesmaids were the Misses Alice Latimer George and Caroline B. George, cousins of the bride. The best man was John de Mille, an uncle of the groot.

TWO LUMBER SCHOONERS LOST ON CAROLINA COAST.

Vessel Ashere at Old Point Comfort-Mate of the John H. Butterick Lost—Wire-less Telegraph Man Washed Overboard in Albemarie Sound, but He Was Saved.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 30 .- The American schooner John H. Butterick, Capt. C. W. Sprague, bound for New York with a cargo of 500,000 feet of lumber, consigned by the Cape Fear Lumber Company of this city, went ashore on Frying Pan Shoals in Sunday night's northeast gale and was pounded to pieces. Vessel and cargo are a total loss.

Mate E. H. Sprague of Tremont, Me. brother of the captain, was washed over-board and drowned. The rest of the crew of seven and the captain's wife were resoued from the wreck by the Wilmington tug Alexander Jones.

The vessel was owned by Gardner B.

Reynolds of Boston, and was of 504 tons ELISABETH CITY, N. C., March 30 .- The schooner Edith left this portion Saturday

schooner Edith left this port/on Saturday afternoon, bound for Cape Hatteras. She had barely entered Albemarie Sound when she was overtaken by a terrible rain and windstorm, her decks being washed clean and part of her cargo being carried away. A tremendous wave washed J. P. Copland of New York overboard. He was saved by the crew, who threw lines out to him. Mr. Copland had chartered the schooner and was on the way with material to Cape Hatteras, where he is to take charge of the DeForest wireless station.

The crew managed to get the schooner safely into Little River, and landed at Nixonton, ten miles from here. Mr. Copland came overland to this city and took steamer for Hatteras this afternoon.

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Norfolk, Va., March 30.—The three-masted schooner Benjamin Russell, Capt. Cranmer, went ashore this morning one mile south of Creed's Hill life saving station on the Carolina coast. Her five men were taken off in the breeches buoy. The vessel was bound from Bogue Inlet, N. C., for New Haven, lumber laden. The Russell is water logged, but her deckload of lumber is reported in good condition.

The schooner Charles L. Davenport, Capt. Sproul, bound from Boston to Norfolk for coal, was driven ashore at Old Point Comfort this morning and weeckers are at work on her. The Davenport may be floated without serious damage.

A heavy gale is blowing on this coast.

HOKE SMITH FOR PARKER. If Olney is Not a Candidate—Here for

Peabody Fund Meeting.
The Hon. Hoke Smith of Georgia, who was Secretary of the Interior in President Cleveland's last Cabinet came to New York last night to attend a meeting of the Peabody Fund trustees which will be held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel to-day. Mr. Smith talked with Bird S. Coler last night bout the outlook in New York in the next Presidential election. Afterward Mr. Smith

"If Richard Olney is not a candidate I shall be for Alton B. Parker of New York, heartily and enthusiastically. I will be glad to vote for and to support either Olney or Parker. They are ideal candidates. Judge Parker can defeat Roosevelt if Roose-Judge Parker can defeat Roosevelt if Roosevelt should be the Republican nominee. There is some doubt in my mind about Roosevelt's being nominated. It looks to me that Senator Hanna of Ohio may be a formidable candidate before the Republican convention and then I have heard that your Gov. Odell has entertained ambitions along that line

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"I feel confident that the next Democratic National Convention will be controlled by the conservative element of the Democratic party. The Democrats on the Atlantic seaboard line below the Mason and Dixon line are ready to abandon the socialistic experiments of the past and to array themselves for old-fashioned conservative Democratic principles.

selves for old-fashioned conservative Democratic principles.
"Judge Parker can carry New York State I believe and a Democrat who can be depended on to do that becomes the conspicuous figure of the next campaign."
The meeting of the trustees of the Peabody Fund is to consider the proposition to establish a teachers' college in the South to be maintained out of the surplus revenues. to be maintained out of the surplus revenue of the Peabody Fund.

ROOSEVELT INTERESTED.

President Asks for a Republican Victory in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, March 30.-Senator Foraker was in this city for a short time to-day. He came direct from Washington and within an hour after the time of his arrival was speeding to Nashville, where he will be enior counsel in the great Southern Pacific Railroad litigation.

"I shall be back to vote for Fleishmann for Mayor," said the Senator. "It is useless to talk about there being no politics in this election. If there were no politics in it Mr. Ingalls would not be at the head

of the ticket.

"The first thing President Roosevelt said to me when I called on him just before leaving on this trip was that he would look for welcome news from Cincinnati on the night of the election, and he remarked that he wanted us to give a good send-off to the State and national elections, which are next in order."

A Republican Club Branching Out. The Republican Club of the Thirty-fourth Assembly district, has decided to enlarge its present quarters at 158 East 124th street. An extension of 20 feet to the building is contemplated with a view of putting in bowling alleys in the basement and pool and billiard tables and shuffle boards on the first floor. A gymnasium, for the top floor of the clubhouse, is also being con-sidered and, when completed, will be put in charge of J. T. Prentice, of Mantreal. The club's membership has increased over 50 per cent. in a year. The annual outing and games of the club will take place at Wetzel's, College Point, on Decoration

Bill to Give Aldermen a Chance. Under the Charter, as it is now drawn, an Alderman cannot resign to accept another office, either elective or appointive. A bill has been passed by the Legislature removing this disability. Mayor Low will sign it unless the members of the Charter Commission object.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Columbia etudents are to give a French play the Brinckerhoff Theatre at Barnard College a April 22. n April 22.

Justice Greenbaum of the Supreme Court has ppointed James J. Magee receiver of the assets | Barnard & Magee, liquor dealers, in a suit brought y Mage e against Gates H. Barnard. of Barnard & Magee, liquor dealers, in a sult brought by Mage & against Gates H. Barnard.

"An evening of song and story" constituted the annual entertainment of the New York Chapter, United baughters of the Confederacy, given last light in Carnegie Lyceum. The large audience represented the Southern colony and there were lew absentees among its members.

Plans have been filed with the Building Bureau for a four-story and basement rectory of brick, prownstone and terra-cotta to be built in 185th trevet, west of Amsterdam avenue, for the new Church of St. Rose of Lima, of which Father McGinley is the rector. The building is to cost 116,000.

\$16,000.

The New York Lodge of B. P. O. Elks elected last evening C. S. Andrews, exalted ruler; J. J. Speethelmer, leading knight; W. P. Phillips, esteemed logal knight; Dr. H. G. MacAdama, esteemed lecturing knight; F. Tuthill, secretary; H. M. Draddy treasurer; John McGowan, tiler; Lewis Harding and Thomas Brogan, trustees, and C. S. Andrews and A. C. Moreland representatives to the Grand Lodge.

Lodge.

The examination of Peter R. Gatens and Francis
L. Minton of the firm of R. G. Dun & Co. on a charge
of conspiracy to injure the business of the International Mercantile Agency was adjourned to
a o'clock this afternoon by Magistrate Pool in the
Tombs police court yesterday on the application
of former Supreme Court Judge William N. Cohen,
who said that he represented the sic kholders
of the international agency.

OUR STAND TO AID CHINA: nsist on Accepting Payment of Indemnit en a Silver Basis.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
SHANGHAI, March 30.—The Bankers Commission has declined to forward the silver bond lately presented by the American delegate for signature by the Chines representatives, alleging that the terms of the bond are not consistent with the previous declaration of the commission regarding the indemnity to be paid by the Chinese

The American delegate insisted that Article VI. of the protocol, under which the commission acts, clearly states that it is the duty of the commission to effect all its operations in conformity with the instruc tions sent by the Powers to their delegates and announced his intention of forwarding the bond direct to the Chinese representa-

LOVE FLIES, BUT COAL STAYS. as her condition was serious: Levy on Eleping Coal Man's Coal Yard Holds Good.

A Sheriff's jury sustained yesterday the levy made on the coal business of Clarence L. Lowther, who is the defendant in a suit instituted in the Supreme Court by A. Royal Guest, another coal merchant, for \$75,000 for the alleged alienation of Mrs.

Charles Lowther, brother of Clarence, and his partner in buisness, told the jury that Clarence sold out all his interest in the coal business before leaving the city on Jan.

Clarence Lowther and Mrs. Guest are

20. Clarence Lowther and Mrs. Guest are believed to be in Denver.
Charles Lowther said that Clarence wanted to settle up the partnership before leaving. An inventory was made and Charles took over the business, but no bill of sale or other instrument was executed. Clarence also arranged that his brother should pay Mrs. Clarence Lowther \$30 a week and her rent. To accomplish this, Clarence signed some blank checks on the West Side Bank. If these funds were exhausted, the payments blank checks on the West Side Bank. If these funds were exhausted, the payments were to be continued out of the rentals of property on Riverside Drive.

Counsel for Mr. Guest, the plaintiff in the alienation suit, and in whose favor the levy was made, maintained that the partnership still exists between the Lowther brothers.

NO FIRE AT F. D. UNDERWOOD'S. Pire Chief's Horse Decides to Go Home

and Runs Into D. S. Brown's Coach. Upon the return of the family of F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie Railroad, to their house at 303 West Seventy-second street yesterday, after a visit out of town, a fire was started last night in a furnace

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Battalion Chief Callahan responded. He hitched his horse Brownie in front of 305 West Seventy-second street.
Brownie broke loose and ran along Seventy-second street to Riverside Drive, and turned north. The fire insurance patrol wagon gave chase. The gong waskept ringing continuously to clear the way.
At Ninetieth street Brownie ran into the coach of David S. Brown of 102 Riverside Drive, who was going with his wife side Drive, who was going with his wife to make a call. The collision knocked the coachman off and demolished the chief's

Mr. and Mrs. Brown did not make their It is supposed that Brownie decided to go home because there was no fire.

HIS CHECK CAME BACK. And Cloakmaker Green Is Arrested on

His Workman's Complaint. Isidor Green of 29 Division street, who is in the cloak business at 193 Greene street, was arrested last night by Detectives Conboy and Rothschild of the Mercer street station on the complaint of one of his workmen, Kever Levine of 535 Fifth street Levine charges Green with paying him with an eighty dollar check which was returned from the Jefferson Bank marked

"no account.".

Green told the police he thought he had an account of at least \$50 at the bank.

The police say that the Legal Aid Society is interested in the case on behalf of the

GRAVESEND PREPARES FOR WAR.

Taxpayers' Association Formed to Try to Withdraw From New York. The Thirty-first Ward Taxpayers' Asso ciation was formed last night in Louis Stauch's dance hall on the Bowery, Coney Island. The officers elected were: Dr. Island. The officers elected were: Dr. Albert Chambers, president; S. E. Jackson, vice-president; William B. Lake of Gravesend, treasurer; C. L. Feltman, secretary. Among other things the association is going to do is to contest the constitutionality of the act annexing Gravesend to Brooklyn in 1895. The Court of Appeals has decided in the case of Southampton that the State may not annex a township formed under a Colonial grant.

Cheynski Fights Too Carelessly for Phila

delphia Crowd. PHILADELPHIA, March 30 .- The bout at the Washington Sporting Club to-night between Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Joe Choynski had all the ear marks of a fake. so far as Choynski was concerned. It was evident from the start that he was not taking advantage of the many openings presented to him, and finally the spectators became

to him, and finally the spectators became demonstrative.

In the fifth round, it became so painfully obvious that Choynski was not trying, that Referee Rocap stopped the bout and warned him to extend himself. In the sixth round he did extend himself, and O'Brien was visibly tired. In the middle of the round, however, he again started to take things easily. The bout ended amid the jeers of the spectators.

National League to Meet on Thursday INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 30.-National League baseball magnates will meet in Indianapolis Thursday night. Accommodation has been reserved at the Grand Hotel for twenty magnates.

It is said that the Davis and Delehanty cases will be disposed of at this meeting. Both these players wish to play with the New York National League Club, while they have prior contracts with the American League. Should the National League allow them to play with it the Cincinnati agreement would be set aside and war again be declared. The National League men have said that the players must abide by the Cincinnati decision, though the League has not spoken officially. League baseball magnates will meet in

St. Louis Cellie Club Show.

St. Louis, March 30.-The fifth annual of the St. Louis Collie Club, which opened to-day, is the best in the history of opened to-day, is the best in the history of the club. The honors were divided between the Ravenwood Collie Kennel of Chicago, Alfred Forsythe, the St Louis fancier; M. J. Cassidy of Chicago and William Muhall of St. Louis. The Ravenwood took the biggest plum with Heacham Galopin, the latter getting the blue in the limit class. Alfred Forsythe swept the card in the puppy classes with Astrologer. The Cassidy kennel won in the open event for dogs with Wellesbourne Cornet, the latter also winning in the class for open dogs other than sable and white.

Would Abolish Jersey Board of Arbitration TRENTON, N.J., March 30 .- Gov. Murphy sent a message to the Legislature to-night recommending the abolition of the State Beard of Arbitration, of which he said: "This board, of which much was hoped, has been a complete failure. It never meeta, it is without the confidence of any one and it is an expense to the State."

SHE DIED WHILE THEY WAILED

WOMAN MIGHT HAVE LIVED IF LEFT QUIET, DOCTOR SAYS.

Noisy Time in a Bellevue Ward by the Bedside of a Patient With Heart Disease—Husband and Two Women, Beside Her, Would Not Budge. Attributing the death of a woman at

Bellevue yesterday to excitement caused by the lamentations of her husband and two women relatives beside her sickbed, the Bellevue doctors wonder if a rule excluding excitable persons from the sick wards would not be wise.

The woman was Mary Frank of 147 Brook avenue. She had dilation of the heart and went into a fainting spell in the street on Saturday. Her husband, Joseph, was summoned to the hospital by telegraph,

as her condition was serious:

He arrived at 2 o'clock Sunday morning and insisted on taking his wife home at conce, but the doctors said she must not be moved.

Yesterday morning Frank returned with two women friends and they surrounded the sick woman's cot in Ward 22, kissing and embracing her until Dr. McLean, the ward physician, warned them that they would kill her. He said the woman would, probably recover if left alone. They would not go away.

probably recover if left alone. They would not go away.

A few minutes afterward, while sitting in an adjacent ward, Dr. McLean heard screaming and yelling in Ward 22. We returned and found Frank swaying in his grief with his dead wife clasped to his breast. The two women were hysterical and twenty women patients were greatly disturbed. Dr. McLean sent the women out, but the husband would not release his wife's body until a policeman had been called.

PLUCKY GIRL SAVED BOOKS In Factory Fire That Seared Other Women Employees Into Hysteries.

A fire on the top floor of the four-story building at 86 to 92 Third avenue, Brooklyn, occupied by the Brass Goods Manufacturing Company and the Pilgrim Steam Laundry

Company and the Pilgrim Steam Laundry, shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning, caused lots of excitement among the 175 employees, most of them women and girls. The flame broke out suddenly in the varnishing room of the Brass Goods Company and spread with rapidity.

Some of the women became hysterical, but they were assisted by their companions and all reached the street uninjured.

The young woman who was employed as typewriter and bookkeeper didn't lose her nerve for a moment. Not being able to jam the books into the safe, she put them on her shoulder and carried them out.

Fireman Louis Blair of Truck 51 was overcome by the smoke, but soon revived. The lose amounted to \$6,000.

SAY IT'S AN INTERURBAN BILL. Goodsell Bill Attributed by City Club to Railroad's Lawyer.

The City Club sent to each member of the Legislature yesterday a paper attack-ing some of the railway bills which have been introduced at Albany. The document is entitled "Mysterious Street Railment is entitled "Mysterious Street Rail-way Bills. Who Wants Them? What Would They Do?" Senator Goodsell's bill leads the list.

The City Club says: "Who drew this bill? Henry A. Robinson, general solicitor of the Interurban Street Railway Company and for years counsel of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company. Perhaps he knows exactly what the bill would do. Nobody else does."

Bricks Try to Fall on Andy Devery. Sergt. Andy Devery of the West 100th furnished eight-story apartment house which is being built at 109th street and Broadway at midnight last night when sev-eral bricks fell from the top of the building near him. He summoned a dozen police-men, who kept people out of the danger zone, and got the Building Department men out.

out.

They were putting temporary fastenings on the top of the building at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Peace on the Elevated at Present. Herman Robinson, the organizer of the new elevated men's union, said yesterday that no new move would be made by the union until after April I when the Inter-borough Rapid Transit Company takes charge of the road.

Twin Sullivan Beats Charley O'Rourke. Boston, Mass., March 30 .- Jack "Twin" Sullivan received the decision over Charley O Rourke in their 15-round bout at Cambridge to-night.

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The bag contained \$12 in money and four rings, a wedding ring, a solitaire diamond, a diamond and sapphire, and a pearl and ruby. The four rings were presents to Mrs. Feiter from her husband, and she was unable to place a value on them. She told the Tenderloin police of her loss.

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